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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE CONCERNING ARMS FOR SOMALIA

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1. HEIGHTENED CONCERN OF EPMG OVER OGADEN DEVELOPMENTS AS INDICATED IN FONMIN'S CONVOCATION OF DIP CORPS THIS MORNING (SEPTEL) UNDERSCORES MY CONCERN RE INFORMING EPMG OF DECISION IN PRINCIPLE TO PROVIDE MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA. RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY EPMG NOW CONSIDERS ITSELF IN STATE OF WAR, AND SOMALIA, IF THERE WAS ANY DOUBT BEFORE, IS NOW OUTRIGHT ENEMY. OUR DECISION WILL PUT US IN SAME CATEGORY, AND, GIVEN INTENSITY OF FEELING HERE AT PRESENT TIME, THE LESS SAID THE BETTER EVEN IN CONCERT WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH.

2. ACCORDINGLY, I CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT, EVEN IF SUBJECT SURFACES AS SUGGESTED REFTTEL (A), OUR REPLY CAN BE RESTRICTED TO GUIDANCE PROVIDED AND WE WILL NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO CONFIRM DECISION ITSELF. THERE IS AT LEAST OUTSIDE CHANCE THAT BY THE TIME OUR OWN PROCESSES

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MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR DECISION TO BE REVEALED, SITUATION WILL HAVE COOLED SOME IN OGADEN AND WE WOULD NOT BE SEEN AS ABETTING ACTUAL ATTACK. EVEN IF SITUATION DOES NOT COOL, WE WILL NOT HAVE LOST ANYTHING BY WAITING. THIS MORNING'S PERFORMANCE AT MOFA SUGGESTS STRONGLY TO ME THAT NOW IS JUST NOT THE TIME TO TALK TO EPMG ABOUT THE DECISION, AND FOR US TO DO SO MAY EVEN BE CONSTRUED

BY EPMG AS OUR RESPONSE TO THEIR DEMARCHE THAT ALL
GOVERNMENTS BE INFORMED OF SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION AS
THEY SEE IT.
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